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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAGRAPHS TWO, THREE AND FIVE OF REFTTEL, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE DIRECTLY IN OUR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE THE OPERATIONAL UTILITY TO THE POLICE OF OUR PREVIOUS NCAP EQUIPMENT DONATIONS AND THE ENHANCEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CAPABILITIES THAT IT HAS ENCOURAGED. AS A PRIME EXAMPLE, THE COMPLETION OF A MODERN RADIO NETWORK FOR THE DPF WAS AIDED SIGNIFICANTLY BY THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE NCAP. THE POLICE HAVE THUS ACQUIRED A COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, PERMITTING A QUICK AND SURE CONTACT BETWEEN THE CHIEF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION IN BRASILIA AND ALL DPF UNITS. THE VEHICULAR RADIOS AND THE HANDI-TALKIES ARE INVALUABLE ADDITIONS TO THE DPF FOR COMMUNICATION IN THE URBAN AREAS OF RIO AND SAO PAULO, CITIES THAT ARE FOCAL POINTS FOR THE REFINING AND TRANS-SHIPMENT OF NARCOTICS TO THE US.

2. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHIEF OF THE NARCOTICS

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DIVISION AND THE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS OF THE DPF,

CONCERNING THE USE OF THE NEWLY EXPANDED RADIO NETWORK IN RELATION TO NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE NEW CAPABILITY IS CONSTANTLY USED TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION ON SUSPECTED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AND RELAY REPORTS FROM THE FIELD. PREVIOUSLY THE DPF NETWORK WAS TOO LIMITED TO HANDLE REQUESTS INSTANTANEOUSLY OR DID NOT EVEN REACH SOME OF THE MORE REMOTE POSTS, SUCH AS BORDER AREAS WITH A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR CONTRABAND ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH THE DPF IS IN PROCESS OF MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION, BECAUSE OF BUDGET STRICTURES THE ACQUISITION OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IS HELD TO A MINIMUM. THE COMMUNICATIONS AND POLICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT PROVIDED THROUGH THE NCAP GIVE THE DEPARTMENT A NEEDED BOOST IN THEIR CAPABILITY TO COMBAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AT A TIME WHEN BUDGETARY STRICTURES AND LACK OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE ARE LIMITING THEIR ABILITY TO PURCHASE NEEDED EQUIPMENT FROM ABROAD.

3. THE COMMUNICATIONS AND POLICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT IN PARAGRAPHS TWO REFTEL (D) WILL BE IN GREAT PART LENT BY THE DPF TO STATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR MUCH NEEDED COOPERATION IN A COORDINATED EFFORT AGAINST NARCOTICS SMUGGLERS. CURRENTLY THE LACK OF COOPERATION BY THE STATE POLICE WITH THE DPF AND THEIR LOW LEVEL OF TRAINING MAKE THEM NOT ONLY UNWILLING PARTNERS BUT ALSO LARGELY INEFFECTIVE IN NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT. MISSION BELIEVES THAT TO STIMULATE INTEREST AT THE STATE LEVEL TO AID THE DPF EFFORT THE STATE FORCES MUST BE PROVIDED TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT TO PREPARE THEM TO BE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT DRUGS. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DPF WANTS TO HAVE CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP, ESPECIALLY IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD, WITH LOCAL FORCES TO ELIMINATE THE INEFFICIENCY AND LOSS OF INTELLIGENCE THAT NOW RESULTS FROM THE LACK OF COOPERATION. THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS RECENTLY THAT SEVERAL OF THE STATE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP PARTICULARLY IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD. TO CEMENT THESE ADVANCES THE DPF MUST HAVE INDUCEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE FORCES TO BECOME MORE PROFESSIONAL IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD.

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4. POST REQUESTS THAT PROGRAM LEVEL CITED IN PARAGRAPH THREE REFTEL (D) BE MAINTAINED. SINCE BRAZIL IS UNABLE TO GIVE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT IN 1976 (SEE BRASILIA 2678) AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR THIS ACTIVITY, 20,000, SHOULD BE SWITCHED TO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND THE REMAINING 20,000 INCLUDED IN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION OF 190,000 BE DIVIDED BETWEEN POLICE SUPPORT

EQUIPMENT (9,000) AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (11,000).
MISSION ENVISIONS THAT THIS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
WILL BE THE LAST GIVEN TO THE DPF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
GOALS OF PREVIOUS NCAP'S.

5. THE PROVISION OF MOTOR LAUNCHES TO THE DPF
WILL SHIFT POST'S EQUIPMENT EMPHASIS BUT REMAINS WELL
WITHIN OUR NCAP GOAL OF HELPING TO CREATE LAW
ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY TO COMBAT THE MOVEMENT OF
ILLCIT DRUGS TO THE US THROUGHOUT BRAZIL'S EXTENSIVE
TERRITORY.
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